

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract with the following paragraph:

A turf maintenance machine and method of use thereof is disclosed for traversing a turf surface having debris elements and turf fill material disposed thereupon. The turf maintenance machine includes a main sweeper brush for engaging the debris elements and the turf fill material and transferring the debris elements and the turf fill material toward a debris hopper, and further includes a filter device for receiving the transferred debris elements and the turf fill material. The filter device separates debris elements from the turf fill material, wherein the debris elements are captured by the machine for subsequent disposal and the turf fill material is returned to the turf surface as the machine traverses the turf surface.